

GOVERNOR'S STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

10 a.m.

DSCYF-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome/Introductions:

In attendance: Chief Judge Chandlee Kuhn (Family Court); Secretary Jennifer Ranji (DSCYF); Col. Nate McQueen (DSP); Patricia Dailey Lewis (DOJ); Director Vicky Kelly (DFS); Joe Bloch (NCCPD); Martin O'Connor (DOJ); Jennifer Donahue (DSCYF), Ashlee Starratt (DSCYF); Randall Williams (CAC); Cara Sawyer (DSCYF)

II. Discussion/Review of Recommendations:

Secretary Ranji suggested that the group review only those recommendations from Dean Ammons' report which remain outstanding, and that we address any questions regarding recommendations already responded to afterwards. The group discussed those outstanding recommendations and a plan for follow-up. There were no questions at this point about recommendations which already have a response.

III. Discussion/Review of outline of report to the Governor

The group discussed that the report should include, in narrative form, the recommendations and what has been done in response to each recommendation. The group also felt it best to group the recommendations into categories that reflect the type of system improvements requested rather than by the agency or entity responsible. For discussion at the next meeting, Cara Sawyer will send out a detailed outline of the report. The plan is for the report to be issued early January.

IV. Next Steps

Secretary Ranji mentioned that she would like to get a small group from the Governor's Steering Committee to meet with Dean Ammons prior to finalizing the report to the Governor. The Governor's Steering Committee will meet again in November and discuss the outline and any other outstanding issues. A meeting request will be sent.

V. Public Comment

Jen Donahue, the Investigative Coordinator at DSCYF and Ashlee Starratt, the Management Analyst for the Investigative Coordinator were present at the meeting to request that the group support them as they plan to ask the DELJIS Board for access to the Law Enforcement LEISS system. Ms. Donahue expressed that it would be helpful to have the support of the Governor's Steering Committee which was instrumental in identifying the need for such a position. Ms. Donahue expressed that this access would assist her in accessing the police actions of the cases

that she is tracking. Ms. Donahue will follow up with law enforcement and the Department of Justice.

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